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## THE ARGUS PURCHASES THE DAILY UNION

### OLD NEWSPAPER PROPERTY CHANGES HANDS AND PAPER GOES TO PRESS LAST TIME

Daily Union, Established  
in 1862, Has Had Long,  
Honorable Career.

The publishers of The Rock Island Argus have purchased the Daily Union from its publishers, and the publication of the paper will be discontinued, its last issue being today.

It is not a merger but an absorption and is in line with the general movement towards consolidation in the newspaper industry throughout the country. Similar transactions have been consummated in Freeport and Springfield, Ill., Muscatine, Iowa, La Crosse, Wis., and in larger fields, such as Milwaukee, St. Louis and New York City, where the Sun and New York Herald were brought under one head.

The tremendous advance in the cost of production has tended towards the reduction of the number of daily newspapers in every part of the country. The government has seriously urged the conservation of newspaper paper and the consolidation of newspaper property, wherever possible and feasible. It was this motive which led to the deal whereby The Argus has acquired the property of The Union printing company.

**Take Over Circulation.**  
The Argus has taken over the circulation lists of the Daily Union and will fulfill all prepaid subscriptions until expiration. Where subscriptions have been prepaid for both The Union and The Argus, the subscription period for The Argus will be extended for the prepaid term.

The Argus acquires the complete equipment of The Union plant, its type, galleys and news features, which, combined with the exclusive features of The Argus, will make this paper one of the strongest in this section of the country from every standpoint.

The Argus will continue to be published at 1624 Second avenue, a place having recently been taken in the adjoining building to the west, formerly occupied by the Williams Second Hand store. Remodeling of the building is now well under way, when completed, will provide the additional space made necessary by the deal which is announced today.

**Union Founded in 1862.**  
The Daily Union was first published Nov. 6, 1862, and with its issue of this evening has covered 57 years, 4 months and 19 days. It started as a daily and weekly, but shortly abandoned the daily upon the death of its owner, Colonel Robert H. Graham, at the home of his brother at Lima, N. Y. In May, 1863, Mr. Kuck, who acquired the property from Mr. Graham, sold it to Captain L. M. Haverstick, who had been connected with the Rock Island Register. He revived the daily June 2, 1863, as an evening paper.

Captain L. M. Haverstick purchased the paper from Mr. Barnes in December, 1866, and changed it to a morning paper. In 1867 Captain Haverstick absorbed the Missouri Republican. In the same year M. D. Merrill acquired a two-fifths interest in the paper, assuming control of the business management of the same, which he retained until 1869, when he sold his interest to Captain Haverstick and retired.

**Company Formed 1874.**  
Later in the same year Richard Champion bought a half interest in the property, which he later sold back to Captain Haverstick. The Union Printing company was organized April 1, 1874, with a capital stock of \$20,000.00, the company purchasing the plant and good will from Captain Haverstick. Officers were elected as follows: President, L. M. Haverstick; vice president, A. E. Wells and secretary, Walter Johnson.

Mr. Johnson later acquired complete control of the paper and continued its publication until the time of his death, Nov. 23, 1903. The paper remained in the control of the Johnson estate until it was purchased by its present owners in 1904.

**SPANISH SETTLE  
STRIKE THROUGH  
GIVING A SUBSIDY**  
Madrid, March 24.—A plan was announced early today for ending the general strike on the Spanish railways, inaugurated yesterday. It was announced that after prolonged conferences between the ministers of works and the representatives of the railway companies a decision had been reached under which the wage demands of the strikers would be conceded.

The agreement provides for the government paying the companies for one month the amount necessary for them to increase wages. While a definite solution will be reached, the companies economic difficulties.

### ARGUS HISTORY ONE OF GROWTH SINCE FOUNDED For More Than Three Score Years Paper Published in City.

The first issue of the paper which afterwards became The Argus was gotten out in a rear room on the second floor of what was then known as the Whitaker & Everts building located just east of the present Argus building, Oct. 18, 1851.

It began as the Rock Island Republican and the adoption of the present name was brought about in 1855 by the formation of an opposing political party which took the name of the paper. Its publication was begun by Fred S. Nichols and John W. Dunham and the outfit they used was a second hand one purchased in St. Louis. Both parties had had considerable experience in newspaper work previous to their coming to Rock Island and their acquaintance was formed while they were working together on the St. Louis Intelligencer.

**Danforth Buys Interest.**  
Nichols was a northern man and Dunham a southerner. The latter soon became tired of the undertaking and after six weeks he sold out to his partner and returned to the south. Nichols continued alone till November, 1852, when he sold a half interest to J. B. Danforth, Jr., whose connection with the paper continued to a more or less extent from that time till 1859.

Having acquired the interest of Nichols in the spring of 1853 Mr. Danforth continued as sole proprietor and in 1854 a share was purchased by Robert V. Shurley. The Buford block at the northeast corner of Second avenue and Seventeenth street, the first 4-story building in the city, was completed in 1854 and The Republican took up quarters there which it retained 17 years. July 13 of that year the first daily was issued. At that time there was no other daily nearer than Dubuque.

**Varied Experiences.**  
Sept. 16, 1857, Pershing & Connelly, the latter Major H. C. Connelly, then publishers of the Rock Islander, bought the interests not owned by Mr. Shurley and the title of the paper was changed to The Rock Islander and Argus.

A week after this transaction Mr. Shurley sold out to Milton Jones, who held an editorial position on the paper till 1881. Sept. 16, 1859, J. B. Danforth again secured an interest, buying out Pershing & Connelly, and the paper once more became The Argus. In the meantime, July 18, 1859, the daily was suspended and a tri-weekly begun. This was continued till Sept. 1, 1861, when the daily was resumed.

In 1869 Robert F. McNeil bought out Mr. Danforth, but Jan. 1, 1870, he in turn parted with his interests to J. S. Drake and three years later The Argus company was formed and incorporated with a capital stock of \$32,000. In 1871 the Buford heirs erected The Argus block next the alley on the east side of East Seventeenth street and the paper went into its first exclusive quarters. Ten years later Richardson & Powers acquired a controlling interest in the company. For a brief year they waged a struggle against adversity. At the end of that time, in 1881, financial reverses necessitated a suspension of the paper. This under all ordinary circumstances would have been the end of The Argus.

**Mr. Potter's Management.**  
But a different fate was in store for it. J. W. Potter, publisher of the Freeport Bulletin, came upon the scene at this critical juncture and bought the wrecked newspaper, sending his son, the late J. W. Potter, Jr., here to manage it. The first issue under the new management came out Aug. 2, 1882. In May, 1885, the elder Mr. Potter died and the son became sole owner.

When Mr. Potter took charge of The Argus there was little but the name left and the task of building up a successful publication was one, which required a great amount of persistent effort and enterprise, to say nothing of journalistic ability.

In 1888 the old quarters on East Seventeenth street were outgrown and during that season the building now occupied was purchased by Mr. Potter, remodeled and became the paper's home, the removal taking place in June.

The first Daily Argus, which was issued July 13, 1854, was an evening paper. Dec. 17, 1855, it was changed to a morning paper and published as such till Nov. 18, 1861, when evening publication was again resumed, and has been continued up to the present.

Upon Mr. Potter's death in 1895, The J. W. Potter company was organized and the paper, has since been published under that corporate name.

### Announcement

In announcing the purchase of The Rock Island Daily Union the publishers of The Argus feel they owe the public a frank and straightforward statement of their policy and purpose in the future publication of this paper.

The Argus henceforth will be conducted as an independent newspaper, basing its editorial policy on what it believes to be right and just, printing the news accurately and fairly, without prejudice.

The Argus, in adopting this policy, does not repudiate its past, for it has pursued a consistent and honorable course for more than three score years. But the war has exerted a great change in the whole political as well as commercial, social and national life.

New conditions bring new demands and we firmly and earnestly believe that the demand of today is for an independent public press, unbiased by partisan ties, ever free and ready to state its honest convictions in the interest of the common welfare. The trend and tendency of the press of America bears out this conception.

A newspaper may exert a tremendous influence for good or evil in a community. Too long has it been used as a party weapon to further the interest of one political division to the detriment of all others.

The Argus recognizes that the American form of government requires party rule and it believes that there will always be at least two great political organizations in our body politic. But to say that one is wholly bad and the others wholly good, that one is always right and the others always wrong, has ceased to appeal to the intelligence of the average American.

The Argus realizes the wider responsibility it has assumed to the public and will endeavor to merit the esteem and support of its readers in the quad-cities and throughout the tributary territory by giving them a vigorous, clean daily newspaper, in every way worthy of the city and the field it serves.

THE J. W. POTTER CO.  
Publishers.

### GIVE RADICALS CABINET PLACE IN NEW REGIME

Recognition of German Party  
Pledged on Pain of Renewing  
the General Strike.

Copenhagen, March 24.—Formation of a new German cabinet is a matter of only a few hours, and independent socialists are sure of getting several important portfolios, according to telegrams received from Berlin this morning.

**Basis of Strike Settlement.**  
London, March 24.—In the strike settlement reached by the German government with labor unions the majority socialists are pledged to place in their parliamentary program the claims of labor organizations, says a Berlin dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph company.

The government has expressed willingness to withdraw its troops from Berlin and across the Spree river—near government headquarters—and raise the state of siege immediately, it is said. In addition, it undertakes not to attack workers, particularly those in the Ruhr valley, and to negotiate with unions concerning the entry of labor representatives into defense corps.

**Ready to Strike Again.**  
The unions pledged themselves to call another meeting to decide upon the question of a new general strike, in case their claims are not met and the government's policies are broken.

### WIERINGEN MADE PRINCE'S HOME BY ORDER OF CROWN

The Hague, March 23.—The island of Wieringen is granted the former German crown prince as a place of residence by royal decree.

### The Weather

Unsettled weather tonight and Thursday, with probably occasional showers. Not much change in temperature.

Highest yesterday, 63; lowest last night, 54.

Precipitation, none.

Wind velocity, 16 miles per hour.

12 m. 7 p.m. 7 a.m.

Yesterday. Yesterday. Today.

Dry bulb tem. 58 58 55

Wet bulb tem. 49 49 50

Rel. humid. 41 48 70

River stage, 7 feet, a rise of 2 in the last 24 hours.

J. M. SHERIER, Meteorologist.

### MEET TUESDAY TO START COAL NEGOTIATIONS

Miners and Operators Act Promptly  
in Line With President's Request.

St. Louis, March 24.—Thomas T. Brewster, chairman of the coal operators' scale committee in the central competitive field, today announced he had notified John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers, that the operators' scale committee would meet the miners' committee here next Tuesday, to discuss the majority report of the coal commission.

Mr. Brewster said the operators' committee would meet here Monday to consider the report.

The notice was sent to Mr. Lewis following a request from him that such a conference be held.

**Asked to Go to New York.**  
Washington, March 24.—Suggestion that the joint scale committees of the operators and miners of the central competitive bituminous coal field meet Monday in New York to draft a new wage agreement was made in a telegram sent by John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers of America, to Thomas T. Brewster, chairman of the operators' scale committee.

The operators and miners were asked by President Wilson yesterday to convene the joint wage conference as soon as possible so that the uncertainty as to the fuel supply might be ended. At the same time the president said he expected the majority report of the coal commission, recommending an average wage increase of 27 per cent, be accepted as binding on both the operators and miners.

### Illinois Meeting Notified.

Peoria, Ill., March 24.—Operators and officials of mine workers will be called into conference within a short time to consider the new wage scale under the report of President Wilson's commission, according to a message received from John L. Lewis, acting president of the miners, read this morning at the convention of the Illinois mine workers.

### NEXT MEETING OF COUNCIL IN ITALY

Paris, March 23.—(French Wireless Service).—The supreme council of the allies will meet at San Remo, Italy, April 21, according to authoritative advices from Rome.

The next meeting of the council of the League of Nations will be held in Rome, April 25 or 26, it is announced.

### WOOD AHEAD IN PRIMARIES OF S. DAKOTA

Lowden Second, Johnson  
Third for Republican  
Nomination.

Sioux Falls, S. D., March 24.—Returns from 768 voting precincts out of 1,140 in South Dakota on Republican presidential primary indorsement give:

Wood, 23,338.  
Lowden, 20,078.  
Johnson, 18,084.

Nine counties with 119 voting precincts have not been heard from.

Sox Falls, S. D., March 24.—With about nine-tenths of the city vote throughout the state recorded, tabulated results of yesterday's primary election on indorsement of a Republican candidate for president, today showed these totals from 708 of 1,740 state precincts:

Wood, 22,573.  
Lowden, 19,283.  
Johnson, 17,560.

**Ten Counties Missing.**  
Ten counties, mostly in remote sections such as the Bad Lands region have not reported. These counties have 424 voting precincts and many of them are isolated from railroad and wire communication.

On the face of available returns Wood is leading in 31 counties, Johnson in 11, and Lowden in 11. Wood and Lowden are tied on an incomplete total in one county.

In counties where the vote was overwhelmingly for Wood, Lowden received most of the remaining ballots, while in counties which supported Johnson heavily, the Illinois governor was the second choice.

### LANING HOLDS NAVY IN CHAOS AS WAR BEGAN

Washington, March 24.—Virtual chaos existed in the navy department at the time the United States entered the war, Captain Harris Lanning, assistant chief of the bureau of navigation during the war, testified today before the senate investigating committee.

Captain Lanning said no one knew what to do after a plan of action submitted by the bureau of operations had been disapproved and that the "personal characteristics of the secretary of the navy made it impossible to get approval of really important policies."

"Whenever a plan or policy was presented to the secretary he almost invariably delayed action on it," Captain Lanning declared.

"The personal interest he took in all matters connected with the department absorbed so much of his time that he never had much left to give to the more important affairs."

**Kept the Papers.**  
When important policies and plans were submitted to Secretary Daniels, Captain Lanning said, directions would be given to leave the papers for "consideration," and usually these instructions meant that the matter would not be heard from again until the officer interested looked the paper up and then frequently the papers could not be found.

"Conditions finally became so bad," the witness said, "that officers used every means possible to put their plans and policies through without obtaining the required authority."

**But Navy Did Wonders.**  
"I was still amazed that the navy was able to accomplish the remarkable work it did, but it is certain that what it did accomplish could have been done much more quickly and efficiently if we could have had a plan from the start."

Captain Lanning said many officers found this condition to be true, and he offered to furnish the committee the names of other officers, who he said, would corroborate his testimony in this respect.

### DOG FINDS FIRE AND CALLS OUT THE DEPARTMENT

New York, March 24.—Out for a stroll early this morning "Rex," veteran mascot of engine company No. 4 discovered smoke pouring from a restaurant in Maiden lane. He hunted up a policeman, led him to the fire by barking and capered with satisfaction as his company "rolled" swiftly to the blaze. The fire was extinguished with slight loss.

### NEW POLICIES CERTAIN WITH COLBY SEATED

Heavy Work Ahead for  
State Department De-  
fining U. S. Stand.

BY DAVID LAWRENCE.  
(Special to The Argus).

Washington, D. C., March 24.—Bainbridge Colby is now secretary of state. That means, by and with the advice and consent of President Wilson, the initiation of a new foreign policy. The slate is wiped clean of the policies pursued by Secretary Lansing so far as they differed from those of the president. Very little is known of just what were the exact differences of opinion, but the assumption is that a new Mexican policy, a new Russian policy and a new far eastern policy are in prospect. The entire foreign policy of the United States must in any event be defined, in view of the postponement for one year at least of action on the treaty of peace.

Congress is getting ready to propose peace by joint resolution, but it will soon become apparent that the plan is a makeshift only. Actually there can be no peace unless the president of the United States consents, for he is charged under the constitution with the conduct of the foreign relations. There can be, however, a technical state of peace. Thus a joint resolution of Congress might be vetoed by the president in which event a two-thirds vote is needed—and the impossibility of getting a two-thirds vote has just been demonstrated in the senate. But even if passed over the president's veto, there is grave doubt as to what practical effect the resolution could have.

**Is Not Binding.**  
For instance, constitutional lawyers are agreed that a joint resolution declaring peace cannot settle any points in dispute between the United States and Germany relating to property or anything else. The executive branch of the government can alone negotiate international agreements or understandings of any kind. The department of state could and probably would arrange a modus vivendi, or short time agreement to cover commercial intercourse and diplomatic relations, but the status of all the alien property both in the United States and Germany, amounting to billions of dollars, would remain unsettled until a treaty was negotiated and ratified.

But for all practical purposes

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### TURKEY MILITARY HEAD IS ARRESTED

Constantinople, March 24.—Ali Said Pasha, military governor of Constantinople has been arrested by the British forces in the city.

### Says Germans Reject Communism, But Want No Military Despotism

Dusseldorf, March 23.—(By The Associated Press).—Leaders of the elements which have taken over control of this city insist that the movement should not be termed communistic, as Soviets throughout Germany are considered impossible and dangerous. It is desired above all to do away with militarism, they add, and show the allies that Germany is determined to take such a stand.

There are a few armed guards, but no real army is to be seen. It is planned to have an old army commander, Captain Bredem, in charge of the "security guards," which is to be composed of workmen who can be called to arms in case of emergency, but not regularly drilling as militia which is what the workmen want to abolish.

### Is Workmen's Protest.

Friedrich Stahl, one of the eight members of the Dusseldorf executive committee, installed in the provincial government house, gave to the Associated Press a statement on the workmen's views. He said the movement precipitated

### 16,000 Anti-Bolshevists Found Frozen Stiff on The Steppes of Russia

London, March 24.—More than 16,000 anti-bolshevik soldiers have been found frozen to death on the steppes. It is announced in a soviet military communique, received today from Moscow by wireless.

(The steppes comprise the plains in southeastern Russia and the western Asiatic provinces.)

The statement reports progress by the red troops against General Denikine's forces along the railway in the Ekaterinograd region on the Caucasus front.

### Poles Repulse Attack.

Warsaw, March 23.—Russian bolshevik forces, which have attacked the Polish front with great fury in the vicinity of Bobruisk, Mazepa, it is said.

### ALLIES DECIDE TO ALLOW GERMAN ARMY DEAL WITH RUHR DISTRICT TROUBLES

### SHOOTS SON TO KEEP HIM OUT PENITENTIARY

Chicago Parent Uses  
Drastic Means When  
Persuasion Fails.

Chicago, March 24.—Frank Pinano, 17 years old, lay on a cot in the county hospital today seriously wounded while his father, who shot him "to save his soul," awaited anxiously the outcome of the boy's struggle for life. The father used his revolver last night to keep his wayward son from crime.

"I am not sorry," the elder Pinano told the police, "rather than have him hung or shot I shot him myself. I was always afraid he would turn bandit. My boy was in bad company."

The elder Pinano set out last night in a final effort to reclaim the boy. He found him on the street in company of a gang and after a few words with him, fired three bullets into his body. He waited over the wounded boy until the police arrived.

### BRITISH MINERS REJECT OFFER OF 20 PER CENT MORE

London, March 24.—Representatives of the miners, whose demand for an increase of 15 shillings weekly in wages has been rejected following negotiations with Premier Lloyd George and the comptroller, met in private here today. It was learned, however, that the delegates have requested the executives of the union to reject the counter proposals of the government.

The government has offered the men a 20 per cent increase in wages.

### GREATER PART OF TOWN IS DESTROYED

Springfield, Mo., March 24.—The town of Collins in St. Clair county, was nearly wiped off the map by fire yesterday afternoon. Twenty business houses and 15 homes are said to have been destroyed. Only two store buildings were left standing.

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by the Kapp revolt was particularly a workmen's protest against the military movement and militarism in general.

"This is no soviet revolution," he declared. At the moment at least we are standing on the same grounds as the regular government chosen by the people of Germany. What we want the government to do is to uphold the people's will expressed in the last elections, that is to say, make a decided move to the left (towards socialism) and to crush militarism in every form, more especially as it has dared to show itself in this Kapp revolt, as well as under Gustav Noske. We want work to give evidence to our own people as well as to the world of our will to work and develop.

**Not An Uprising.**  
"This is neither an uprising nor a revolution, but only a decided vote of distrust against the government of Berlin and the city and provincial governments, which failed to uphold the principles of the revolution of November, 1918, whereby our people got rid of royalty and their military supporters."

### Big Ammunition Steal; Officers Are to Be Tried

El Paso, Texas, March 24.—Three officers of the 82nd field artillery stationed here have been recommended for court martial in connection with the loss of many thousands of dollars' worth of ammunition and government supplies from Fort Bliss, it became known today.

### DELAWARE NOT FOR SUFFRAGE FROM OUTLOOK

Dover, Delaware, March 24.—An uphill fight to enroll Delaware as the 36th state to ratify the proposed women's suffrage constitutional amendment was launched formally today by introduction of a ratification resolution in the state senate. The resolution upon which a vote will not be sought before next Friday, pending public hearings tomorrow at a joint legislative session, was introduced by Senator Walker, Republican, Wilmington.

### Ebert Force Permitted to Enter Occupied Zone for the Purpose.

Paris, March 24.—Two German officers, who arrived here last night from Berlin to explain to the allies the necessity for permitting the German army to enter the occupied zone to restore order, saw Premier Millerand today and told him the Ebert government had ample forces ready to deal with the situation in the Ruhr valley.

It is understood on good authority the allies have decided to give the permission.

### Wanted Allies to Act.

The French government would have preferred inter-allied action in the occupied zone, while the British and the Italians favored granting permission for operations by the German army. The French gave way on this point in view of the acuteness of the fuel situation in France and the dependence of this country on supplies of coal from the Ruhr district.

**Mobilizers All Workers.**  
Coblenz, March 24.—Otto Meindorf, who was released from prison to take charge of the communist movement in the Ruhr basin, has ordered all workmen who have seen military service to report for duty, threatening, if they fail to obey, to cut off their food rations.

Communists are requisitioning all foodstuffs, but actual seizures must be made in the presence of officers and looters are severely punished.

### Fight at Wesel.

Wesel, Germany, March 24.—(Via Berlin).—Six thousand government troops, reinforced by armed volunteers, had a skirmish with communist guards numbering about 15,000, near here, last night. Reports state 62 were killed and upwards of 100 wounded.

Buderich, Rhineland Prussia, March 24.—The government forces are keeping open the northern side of the town to admit reinforcements, should these be sent, or to provide for a possible forced retreat.

Heavy firing was heard from the direction of Wesel during the night. There were occasional artillery flurries and spurts of machine gun fire. All the indications are that the Ebert troops are still safe.

### Keep Order in Hamburg.

Hamburg, March 23.—(Via Copenhagen).—Order is being maintained here by patrols of workmen and the security police, and it is announced that the strike will cease after victims of recent fighting in the city have been buried. Admiral Meurer, who has been under arrest for several days, was released today.

### Make Overtures to Dutch.

London, March 24.—The Moscow wireless station today sent out a dispatch, dated Berlin, which declares the revolutionists in the Ruhr district attempted to enter into negotiations with the Dutch government, but were repelled. The Germans desired foodstuffs in exchange for coal. Holland, however, refused to negotiate, it is declared.

### Arrest Leaders.

Berlin, March 24.—General von Luttwitz, military commander in the Kapp revolt, and Admiral von Trotha, admiralty head, have been arrested.

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